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BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE
A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

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BILL OF THE WEEK!

Bureau of Fire Services signed into law

Optimal firefighting efficiency and increased safety for Michigan citizens became a reality today after Governor Granholm signed a bipartisan package of bills to consolidate firefighting resources into a new Bureau of Fire Services.

The 25 bill package of legislation is designed to establish a bureau that will combine all aspects of fire protection that has been fragmented and scattered over the years to various areas of the government. Legislators embrace this package as an "important issue" that will empower first responders and allow appropriate funding.

Senator Garcia was the primary co-sponsor of Senate Bill 1133, the main bill in the package, now PA 189 of 06. PA 189-06 will establish the Bureau of Fire Services as an autonomous agency within the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) and will transfer the powers and duties of the State fire marshal to the newly created office. The office also will include the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Fire Safety Board and any other agency, board or commission designated as a part of the bureau.

Numerous bills were introduced this week!

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit

www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov

